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SUBJECT: Avian Influenza Update: One Death Reported in Guangxi
Autonomous Region

REF: A. Beijing 0585; B. Guangzhou 0043; C. 2007 Guangzhou 1279; D.
Guangzhou 0047; E. 2007 Guangzhou 1075; F. 2007 Guangzhou 1070

[1](#)1. (U) A Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region man has died of avian influenza (AI), according to the Health Ministry. The Ministry said the patient was a 41-year-old unemployed man (surnamed Liang) from Xi Xiang Tang District in Nanning, the capital city of Guangxi. Liang developed symptoms on February 12, was admitted to a hospital for treatment on February 14 and died on February 20.

[1](#)2. (U) On February 20, laboratory tests performed by Guangxi Centre for Disease Control and Prevention yielded positive results for H5N1. China CDC subsequently conducted its own test and confirmed the Guangxi results on February 21. According to press reports, China's Ministry of Health has notified WHO, authorities in Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, as well as some foreign governments about the case. This is the second confirmed human case of AI in China this year (ref A).

[1](#)3. (SBU) Epidemiologists concluded that the patient had come into contact with sick or dead poultry. Those who came into close contact with the patient are currently under medical observation, but have shown no abnormal symptoms so far. Dr. Chen Jie, Deputy Director of Guangxi Center for Disease Control and Prevention, told Congenoff that the government has not begun to cull poultry because this case appears to be an isolated one and authorities have not detected large-scale poultry deaths in Guangxi.

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